

## GET PLUGGED IN

1 Peter 5:8 tells us that the enemy is out there wanting to devour us and keep us from following Jesus well. God uses other believers to help us from being devoured. It's important that we hang out with other believers and not just at church but as much as possible. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. We see in that passage the reasons why it is important for all of us to be plugged into a church family. You are greatly influenced by the people that are around you...make sure those people are seeking to follow Jesus too.

## SERVE

Read 1 John 3:17-18. What does it say about someone who does nothing about someone else's need? John is talking about not helping a "brother" here. One evidence that we are really followers of Jesus is a desire to serve and love on our church family

## SHARE

1 Peter 3:15 tells us to always have an answer for the hope we have in Christ. If we really believe that Jesus is who He says He is and has saved us....Don't you want others to know too? Sharing Him with others not only lets them know about the most amazing thing in the world but helps you grow in your understanding of God working too.

## NOT REQUIREMENTS

Read Ephesians 2:8. According to that verse how are we saved? It has nothing to do with us... It's all because of God's undeserved love towards us and us trusting in that.... but these things can make a difference in how full of a life you will have as a believer.

## MOVING FORWARD...

Philippians 1:6 tells us that God is going to keep working in you to complete what He has started in you. Not only that but the Bible also says in Philippians 2:13 that He is going to give you the desire and power to do what pleases Him. So trust God to do those things and begin to make these things a habit in your life.

# HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS



## Welcome to Following Jesus!

If you are reading this it is because you have said that you want to trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord.... That's Awesome and we are excited for you! This handout is designed to help you take your first steps into this new life of following Jesus.

### FIRST OFF...

Romans 10:9-10, 13 says this, *“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved...For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” “*

So 2 simple questions....

1) Do you confess Jesus as LORD?

Doing this means you are saying that Jesus is now in charge of your life as LORD and you are not. This means that if his WORD says something you are going to follow to the best of your ability

2) Do you really believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Really?

Believing this is important to being saved because believing it means you are made right with God. If you have done these things Romans clearly tells us that you are saved and right with God

### WHAT ALL THIS MEANS...

Take a couple minutes to look at these passages in the Bible: John 3:16 and John 10:10. What do they tell you about life for those who believe?

Read Romans 4:5-8, 1 Peter 1:8-9. What do these passages tell you about those that believe in Jesus and have been forgiven?

### SO NOW WHAT?

The good news is that God has given us a direction to go and has given us instructions on how to live as a Christian. We can find all this in His WORD! God's desire for us is to be obedient to His commands. The only way we will know what His commands are is if we **READ HIS WORD**....This is the most important thing for a Christian who wants to follow Jesus.

### READ THE WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says that God's WORD is useful for so much in our lives and has the ability to really show us who God is and what He has done for us. This is why reading it is so important, so here are our suggestions on how to start...

#### WHICH BOOK TO START WITH...

- Don't know much about Jesus? **The book of John**
- Have a good understanding about Jesus? **The book of Ephesians**

Read a complete thought at a time and make notes on what you are reading so you will remember. For more suggestions on how to read the Bible, checkout [deltonalakes.org/discipleship](http://deltonalakes.org/discipleship) for a handout on studying God's WORD.

### PRAYER—TALKING WITH GOD

Prayer is simply having an open conversation with God. We are encouraged in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to pray as often as possible, so prayer is not only telling God things but learning to listen to Him. For more info on how to pray you can download our prayer guide at [deltonalakes.org/discipleship](http://deltonalakes.org/discipleship)

### GET BAPTIZED

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus tells his disciple that getting baptized is part of us following Jesus. It is an outward expression of the inward decision you have made to trust Christ. Visit [deltonalakes.org/baptism](http://deltonalakes.org/baptism) for more info about it.